(b) whether the D.T.C. has carried out any enquiry into the allegation;

(c) if so, what are the findings; and

(d) if the answer to part (b) above be in negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R ANSARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Even before the news item appeared in the Times of India, the DTC management had initiated action on receipt of the complaint from other sources. The lady and the co-passenger involved in the incident were contacted by the DTC officers at their residence. Written complaints were received from them and a regular enquiry was initiated. On the basis of the enquiry, the services of the Driver were terminated immediatly and the Conductor was placed under suspension

(d) Does not arise.

Inadequate, slow medical relief to Bhopal Gas victims

1971. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' of the 8th June, 1985 regards quate, slow relief to Bhopal gas victims: and

(b) whether the Central Government propose to rush medicines immediately for the gas affected people and if not, what are the reasons therefor

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On the request of the State Government the Union Government has already arranged to supply adequate quantity of Sodium Thiosulphate to the State Government. No other request for the supply of any other drugs and medicines has been received.

Bhopal gas victims

1972. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press report which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' of the 1st July, 1985 wherein it has been stated that people in Bhopal are still dying as a result of exposure to MIC even after seven months of gas tragedy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Government are aware of the press report.

(b) The information is being collected from the Government of Madhya Pradesh and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

(c) In order to tackle the health problem of the gas victims on a priority basis the State Government of Madhya Pradesh have augmented the existing health infrastructure as detailed below:—

1. One thirty bedded hospital with X-ray, Laboratory and Blood Analysor facilities.
2. One Polyclinic with X-ray Laboratory facilties.
3. Two clinics.
4. Four dispensaries.
5. One 20 bedded Eye hospital

Twenty projects to study the effects of MIC have been taken up by the Indian Council of Medical Research at a total cost of around Rs. 1.50 crores.

Kala-azar, Malaria and Chickenpox cases in three States

1973. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI S. W. DHABE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of people attacked by Kala-azar, Malaria and Chickenpox during the last three years in Bihar, U. P. and Delhi;

(b) how many of these cases have proved to be fatal; and

(c) what steps are being taken to contain and eradicate these diseases from these areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) According to the reports received from the State Health Authorities of Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Delhi the number of cases and deaths due to Kala-azar, Malaria and Chickenpox is as under:—

	Cases	Deaths
Kala-azar		
Bihar		
1982	11120	35
1983	11687	128
1984	12224	65
Uttar Pradesh:		
1982	Nil	Nil
1983	Nil	Nil
1984	3	Nil
Delhi		
1982	1*	Nil
1983	2*	Nil
1984	1*	Nil
Malaria		
Bihar:		
1982	49100	7
1983	47217	6
1984	40753	11
Uttar Pradesh:		
1982	170233	Nil
1983	285618	16
1984	387154	Nil
Delhi		
1982	46530	Nil
1983	42107	52
1984	38108	40
Chicken Pox		
Bihar:		
1982	70	Nil
1983	172	Nil
1984	37	1
Uttar Pradesh:		
1982	2082	1
1983	513	1
1984	1235	12
Delhi:		
1982	2107	Nil
1983	2829	Nil
1984	2990	3

*Imported from Bihar.

(c) *Malaria*: To control the incidence of Malaria in the State of Bihar and U.P. the following specific steps are being taken:

1. Every village is visited fortnightly by a surveillance worker to